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1. DURING CONVERSATION MARCH 25 SPANISH EMBOFF MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SPANISH KING CARLOS
AND GOE DURING MARCH 19-23 OFFICIAL VISIT:

2. SPANISH RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. SPANISH NOT AT PRESENT
READY TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL
AND SO INFORMED GOE. ALTHOUGH SPANISH UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM
EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS,
GOS DOES NOT CONSIDER TIME PROPITIOUS AND WOULD PREFER TO WAIT
UNTIL MEPC UNDER WAY.

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3. SPANISH RELATIONS WITH PLO. DURING VISIT SPANISH FONMIN
OREJA MET WITH PLO "FONMIN" QADDUMI. OREJA AGREED THAT PLO
MIGHT ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT PLO OFFICE IN MADRID RATHER THAN
OPERATING UNDER ARAB LEAGUE AUSPICES (PRESENT ARRANGEMENT).
DETERMINING FACTOR FOR SPANISH RE PLO RELATIONS IS THAT JUAN
CARLOS DOES NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND RELATIONS ESTABLISHED
BETWEEN PLO AND HIS FRIEND KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN. SINCE

JORDAY HAS NOT GIVEN PLO OFFICE IN AMMAN DIP STATUS, SPANISH UNLIKELY TO DO SO AT PRESENT. GOS WILL, HOWEVER, ALLOW INDEPENDENT PLO OFFICE AS HAS KING HUSSEIN.

4. ARMS DISCUSSIONS. ALTHOUGH PRES SADAT, IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH SPANISH JOURNALISTS, NOTED THAT ARMS AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BUT DECLINED TO REVEAL FURTHER DEATILS, NO ARMS AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED. MATTER WAS DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS. EGYPTIANS WANT LIGHT SPANISH WEAPONS (MACHINE GUNS, ARTILLERY, ETC.) BUT NO PROVISIONS WWRE MADE FOR HIGHER LEVEL FOLLOW UP DISCUSSIONS. SPANISH EMBASSY CAIRO WILL HANDLE ANY DETAILS OF MILITARY SALES NEGOTIATIONS ALTHOUGH SPANISH HAVE NO GREAT HPES CONCERNING FUTURE SALES. (IN PASSING SPANISH EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT SPAIN HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE JORDAN WITH LIGHT RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN SPAIN.)

5. RED SEA/MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN PRESS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO RED SEA/MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY ASPECTS OF SADAT-JUAN CARLOS TALKS, SUBJECT HAD SCARECELY BEEN RAISED BY EGYPTIANS. MARITIME CONCERNS OF EGYPTIANS AND SPANISH DIFFERED SO GREATLY THAT THERE NOT MUCH COMMON GROUND ON THIS ISSUE. SPANISH EMBOFF SPECULATED THAT PRESS PLAY CONCERNING RED SEA SECURITY ASPECTS OF TALKS WAS EGYPTIAN ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT ISSUE FOR OTHER PURPOSE (I.E., ANTI-SOVIET).

6. SOUTH AFRICA. ANTI-APARTHEID SECTION OF FINAL JOINT COMM-UNIQUE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO SPANISH. EGYPTIANS ORIGINALLY INSISTED ON STRONG PUBLIC ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT AND SPANISH EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE TO ARRIVE AT RATHER ANODYNE STATEMENT REJECTING "POLICY OF APARTHEID AND NATIONAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHER AFRICA."

7. TRADE. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS REACHED SPANISH EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN RECONSTRUCTION AND AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS IN SUEZ CANAL AREA. PROBLEM FOR SPANISH IS THAT GOS CANNOT MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO GOE FOR PURCHASE OF SPANISH CONSTRUCTION OR AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS. SPANISH, HOWEVER, INTEND TO CONCENTRATE ON CANAL PROJECTS WITH THEIR LIMITED CAPABILITY.

8. CANARY ISLANDS. NEITHER JUAN CARLOS NOR FONMIN OREJA RAISED QUESTION OF ALGERIAN SUPPORT FOR CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE. SPANISH REARD THIS ISSUE AS BILATERAL SPANISH-ALGERIAN CONCERN AND EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE IN MATTER WAS NEITHER REQUESTED NOR OFFERED.

9. SPANISH EMBOFF SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFC BREAK-

THROUGHS OCCURED DURING VISIT, ATMOSPHERE OF GENUINE UNDER-
STANDING AND GOE APPRECIATION OF PRO-AFRAB-SPANISH POSITION
PREVAILED. SPANISH EMBOFF NOTED THAT SPANISH DEL WAS STRUCK
BY FATIGUED APPEARANCE OF PRES SADAT WHO LOOKED OVERWORKED
AND TRIFLE HAGGARD.
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